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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2714

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SUBJ: OMB REPORT FOLLOW-UP: CONSULTATIONS WITH

AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ABROAD

REF: (A) STATE A-10168, DEC. 12, 1973

(B) CANBERRA 3886, JULY 13, 1973

(C) CANBERRA 4773, AUG. 28, 1973

(D) CANBERRA A-260, NOV. 2, 1973

(E) CANBERRA 1068, FEB. 22, 1974

1. CENTRAL INSTRUMENT FOR SYSTEMATIC EMBASSY-BUSINESS
DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN SERIES OF MEETING OF KEY EMBASSY
OFFICERS, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR, WITH EMBASSY LIAISON
COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN AUSTRALIA FOR THIS PURPOSE. THESE MEETINGS SUPPLEMENTED
BY FREQUENT CONTACTS BETWEEN EMBASSY OFFICERS CONCERNED
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE
MANAGER OF THE CHAMBER. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, E/C
OFFICERS AT CONSULAR POSTS PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE
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MEETINGS WHEN HELD IN THEIR DISTRICT, AND ARE IN

INFORMAL CONTACT WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS BETWEEN MEETINGS.

2. COMMITTEE HAS HELD THREE MEETINGS IN CANBERRA, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE RESPECTIVELY WITH FOURTH MEETING NOW SHCEDULED FOR APRIL 3. PAST MEETINGS SUMMARIZED REFTELS B, C AND D.

3. SIMILAR BUT BROADER-BASED MEETINGS OF THIS TYPE WERE HELD FEB. 21 ON OCCASION OF VISIT BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL, REFTEL E.

4. EMBASSY ALSO MET IN OCTOBER WITH SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON U.S. EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA ORGANIZED BY AMCHAM AT EMBASSY'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF RAISING U.S. SALES. AMCHAM NOW CONSIDERING ADDITION OF SEVERAL MEMBERS TO BUSINESS LIAISON COMMITTEE, AT EMBASSY'S REQUEST, DESIGNED TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION OF U.S. TRADING AS DISTINCT FROM INVESTMENT INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA.

5. EMBASSY AND CONSULATES PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN TOKYO-TYPE SEMINARS DESCRIBED REF A, ALTHOUGH TO DATE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN SPECIALIZED SESSIONS. IN GENERAL, U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS SITUATION IN DEPTH, AND ANXIOUS TO CONSULT AMBASSADOR PRIMARILY ON CROSS-CUT RANGE OF CURRENT PROBLEM AREAS BETWEEN BUSINESS AND GOA.

6. IN VIEW OF INTEREST EXPRESSED IN REF A HOWEVER EMBASSY WILL SPECIFICALLY REVIEW THIS QUESTION WITH AMCHAM AND ENSURE THAT ANY LATENT DESIRE FOR SUCH SESSIONS IS ENCOURAGED.

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